

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 26 remain in this reissue application. Claims 2 through 26 of the original patent remain unchanged. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the revisions listed on the Preliminary Amendment filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on March 15, 2004.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to cure a clerical error made during prosecution of the original application. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitation of "said second perforations being larger than said first perforations". In the application as originally filed, dependent claim 4 recited this limitation. In a response mailed June 22, 2001 to the March 8, 2001 Office Action, Applicants amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4. However, due to a clerical error, this limitation was unintentionally omitted from claim 1. Although the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 16, 2001 indicated that claim 1 was allowed, the limitation of claim 4 was never included. The amendment to claim 1 is fully supported by at least Figs. 6 and 7 of the drawings of the original patent, claim 4 as originally filed and the original specification as filed at col. 8, ll. 4-8.

Compliance With Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a) (1)

In response to Examiner's comment that the reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective, applicant attaches a corrected Reissue Application Declaration form which (1) lists all of the inventors by full name, residence and mailing address and (2) identifies the error made in the original patent. In addition, a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) from Assignee is also attached to establish the ownership interest by the assignee.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for examination. If the examiner has any questions, it is respectfully suggested that applicants' undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number set forth below.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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